



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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HALF DAY OCTOBER 8TH

School Closes at 12pm to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum

AFTER-SCHOOL RELIGION CLASS

As ever the school are happy to help facilitate after school faith formation classes. There has been delays due to covid but Agata (Lily in 3rd classes Mum) and Marta (Ula's in 3rd classes mum) have agreed to be contact people if you are interested. Typically, this class is for 1st and 2nd Class pupils but best to let her know of your interest no matter what class your child is in. If you are interested you can email Marta kielekky@gmail.com.

HERITAGE LANGUAGES

Staff recently participated in some professional development around cultivating heritage languages in our classroom. There are 9 languages in our school and we will try to value them and encourage children to share their language when they can. In Sarah's class the children will be learning nursery rhymes in various languages. If there is a nursery rhymes you say with your child, we'd love to hear it. You can send a link to principal@castlebaretns.ie

RENTAL OF P.E. FACILITIES

The Department of Education have said they'll consider an application to rent a space for us to use for indoor P.E. Jennifer is researching a suitable space where we could cover the gymnastics strand of the P.E. curriculum. More news on this and P.E. days in the November newsletter. Our non-uniform policy enables children to wear comfortable clothing each day of the week if it suits them. All children are very active in the yard every day.

MODERN LANGUAGES

We applied last year to take part in a pilot modern languages programme. We are excited to say our school has been chosen to participate. We hope Declan's and Brenda's room will learn French in term 2.

COVID UPDATE

In the evolving world of Covid there is some news. Children are not automatically considered close contacts anymore. Procedures for us remain the same- we take advice for the HSE. During our recent case (there was just one case in the whole school) the HSE contacted me by phone once and then by email once. I did not receive any further contact. I was asked to send on information to parents. If the need should arise again, we now know that the contact tracing team will advise you when your child should return to school or if your child should restrict their movements. Contact tracing do not follow up with schools. You adhere to their advice and we are happy to welcome your child back once you get the go ahead from them. There is a helpline for Principals but that was to guide me through recording absences of staff that were being tested or isolating. They advised regarding roll books and those practical things. Best to go with your query direct to your GP or to the HSE helpline rather than to me.

REMOTE LEARNING

We will be continuing with remote learning via Seesaw if a class is closed again. Although this seems unlikely with the new guidelines. You should receive a password from your class teacher to activate seesaw if you are new to the school. Please check your spam folder.

PLAY THERAPIST

Dawn is a practitioner who is studying play therapy at the moment and will be working with children in our school on Fridays. She needs to gain experience of play so she is working with children that might not typically need play therapy. Liam and Sarah chose children for her to work with and Liam has contacted parents.

TOUCH-TYPING TUTOR

We are looking for a touch-typing tutor for 40 hours work. We have received a grant from the Department of Education and Skills for two visually impaired pupils to learn touch typing. The tutor must be suitably qualified and the rate of pay is €35.14 per hour. If you are qualified and interested or know someone who is can you ask that they contact principal@castlebaretns.ie.

NEW MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Our new Board of Management have met virtually already this school year but we hope to meet in person on October 15th. We will be welcoming two new members. Our Board is made up of:

Yvonne Coyne – Chairperson and Parent Nominee

Sarah Calvey – Secretary and Principal

Mary Brennan – Treasurer and Patron Nominee

Noel Campbell – Parent Nominee and Accommodation Sub Committee

Jarlath Munnely - Patron Nominee and Accommodation Sub Committee

Mary Malone – Community Nominee

Darragh Healy – Community Nominee

On behalf of all parents and school community we thank them for their voluntary time.

WELLIES & OLD CLOTHES

In a few weeks we will be looking for some wellies to use in junior & senior infants. If any children in Miriam, Brenda or Declan's class have outgrown their wellies can you hold on to them please. We'll take them from you after the midterm break.

We are also looking for old tops and bottoms to use as spare clothes for the younger classes. We need age 5-6 tops and bottoms for both boys and girls. As we are a green school, we are only looking for used clothes.

LINENHALL/CASTLEBAR EDUCATE TOGETHER COLLABORATION

The Linenhall Arts Centre is currently supporting theatre maker Paul Curley in the development of a new theatre show for children called 'Polar Bear and Penguin', and Brenda's Class in Castlebar Educate Together School were asked to participate. Paul's idea is to create a show about a Polar Bear and a Penguin meeting for the first time, getting to know one another's similarities and finding out their differences. Poles apart, these two characters go on a journey of self-discovery while discovering one another. This will be an opportunity for the children to gain an insight into theatre making and to engage with theatre makers in creating a piece of work.

SECRETARIAL HOURS

Secretarial hours are: 8:50am to 12pm

Outside of this can you email class teacher and pre-arrange any early collections.

Sarah – principal@castlebaretns.ie

Miriam – firstclass@castlebaretns.ie

Brenda – brenda@castlebaretns.ie

Declan – declan@castlebaretns.ie

SHINING STARS WINNERS

We've had many shining stars in recent weeks. The children are:

BE GOOD LISTENERS

Date	Room	Name
17/09/2021	Marie's	Noah
	Marie's	Kaz
	Brenda's	Packie
	Brenda's	Alba
	Declan's	Lea

BE SAFE IN THE YARD

Date	Room	Name
24/09/2021	Marie's	Benjamin
	Marie's	Alex
	Brenda's	Lily L
	Brenda's	Caitlin
	Declan's	Luke

BE GOOD FRIENDS

Date	Room	Name
01/10/2021	Sarah's	Maja
	Sarah's	Sam
	Marie's	Grace
	Marie's	Joseph
	Brenda's	Bobby
	Brenda's	Niamh
	Declan's	Saoirse

RAINY DAYS

We go to the yard every day for fresh air and exercise. Please ensure your child wears a jacket with a hood to school every day.

CONDOLENCES

The Board of Management of Castlebar Educate Together National School wish to extend condolences to Jarlath Munnely on the passing of his father Vinnie. Suaimhneas Sioraí Dó.

